

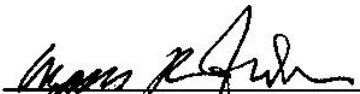
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**Introduction**

The Terry-Ford house is located on the east side of old Acworth-Dallas (now Mars Hill) Road, at the intersection of Ford's Road, in west Cobb County, Georgia (Figure 1). The house is a circa 1879 Central Hallway Cottage, and is situated in the northeast corner of Land Lot 264, 20<sup>th</sup> District, Second Section of the original Cherokee (now Cobb) County survey. The east half of Land Lot 264 was part of the Noah Terry farm, in the Red Rock Community of Cobb County, during the middle to late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Terry-Ford house is believed to have been constructed by Noah Terry's son, Thomas F. Terry, and the farm's associated property historically extended northward into Land Lots 231 and 232, and included as much as 260 acres. The house and farm were owned and occupied in the middle to late 20<sup>th</sup> century by Benjamin J. Ford and his family.

According to *Historic Cobb County Bicentennial Project* (Secrist 1975: #103), the Red Rock community is one of Cobb County's oldest. Established as early as 1838, around the intersection of present Due West, Hadaway, and Mars Hill Roads (and spanning part of Land Lots 264 and 269), the Red Rock Community included a school, a general store, and several frame buildings by the beginning of the Civil War. Maps of the Atlanta Campaign produced both during and shortly following the Civil War, and published in the *Official Military Atlas of the Civil War* (Davis *et al.* 1983), show no structure where the Terry-Ford house now stands (Figure 2).

The Terry-Ford house was not recorded by the Cobb County Bicentennial Project (Secrist 1975), though an associated country store (#135), formerly located directly across Mars Hill Road from the Terry-Ford house, and the Noah Terry house (#136), formerly located south of the Terry-Ford house, were recorded as part of that survey (Appendix A). In 1978, the Terry-Ford house was recorded as part of a larger, historic rural agricultural/commercial complex (Besette 1978, Resource CO-119) centered around the Mars Hill Road-Ford's Road intersection (Appendix B). The complex then included the Terry-Ford house, a country store, a New South cottage, a tenant house, at least two barns, and several sheds and outbuildings scattered around both sides of Mars Hill Road. In a 1988 survey of Cobb County's historic resources, the resources indicated by the Bicentennial Project were noted as located in Land Lot 264, but no new resources were identified (Roth 1988). A re-survey of CO-119 (Jordan 1998) suggested that the Terry-Ford house had by that time lost its material integrity, and that the only structure with historic and material integrity was the old country store (Appendix B). The Terry-Ford house and the New South cottage were recorded for Georgia's Natural Archaeological and Historic Resources Geographical Information System (NAHRGIS, #204713 and 204712, respectively) in 2005-2006 (Appendix B). Both houses then appeared "not to meet National Register criteria" because of extensive remodeling/alteration and the loss of historic and material integrity.

The setting of the Terry-Ford house was historically rural/agricultural-commercial, but the surrounding area is rapidly becoming suburban/residential. The property on which the Terry-Ford house stands is slated for development, and the implementation of this planned development will result in the destruction of the Terry-Ford house. The Cobb County Community Development Agency determined that the historic and architectural context of the structure should be documented prior to development. The resulting photographic and archival documentation of the Terry-Ford house are presented in this report.









Figure 2 Civil War Era Map of the Project Vicinity (Davis *et al.* 1984: Plate 59, No. 3)



## Structure Description

The Terry-Ford house is a balloon framed, Central Hallway cottage. The Central Hallway was a popular house type in Georgia throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Most examples in Georgia were built between 1830 and 1930, and there were clusters of this type of construction during the periods 1830-1860 and 1880-1890. The type is characterized by a central hall or passageway between two rooms (other house types also incorporate a central hallway, but this type is distinguishable as being only one room in depth). The Central Hallway cottage often included, as does this example, a gabled roof and exterior end chimneys (Georgia Department of Natural Resources [GDNR] 1991).

Original construction may have included the Central Hallway portion of the house and a short, one-room east ell. The house appears to have undergone at least one additional phase of subsequent, but historic, construction that included a large room on the east that now serves as a kitchen and a one room protruding addition on the south side of the ell. These subsequent historic additions gave the house its unusually long ell and its unique overall form (Photos 1-17). The house's original, probably stone pier, foundation was at an unknown time uniformly replaced with brick piers, and later still, was filled between the piers with stone veneer walls.

The only remaining historic 6/6 windows (2), exterior doors (3), and weatherboard siding are in the area of north-side porch. All other historic windows were replaced with a variety of window types, the most prominent among them are double-hung 1/1 windows. The south chimney of the Central Hallway portion of the house was replaced by a wooden, paneled door with sidelights (non-historic), and the historic entrance into the south protruding addition was replaced with a large, oval window (Photos 15 and 16). Other modern alterations to the Terry-Ford house include enclosing and incorporating the front and south side porches into living space, a small deck and ramp access on the south side, and an exterior east-rear staircase leading to a finished attic space. Historic beveled weatherboard siding was replaced with plywood on the front, north and south sides, and the east-rear of the house. The roof is covered with a combination of historic and modern asphalt shingles. One of the two historic exterior end chimneys remains on the north-side, and an historic interior chimney remains in the center of the east ell addition.

According to Mr. Fred Orton, whose family has owned the house since 1983, his family converted the west-front and south-side porches into living space, but the basic footprint of the structure has remained unchanged since his family purchased the property (Fred Orton, Personal Communication, July 24, 2007). His assertion is reenforced by photos of the house taken in 1978 (Appendix B), and the fact that the interior walls and ceilings of the central (south protruding) and rear (east) additions are finished with historic three-inch boards. In the central area, the walls are finished with beaded-boards, and the kitchen walls are finished with smooth boards, suggesting different episodes of construction.



The use of square nails to apply weatherboard siding across the east additions in this area further indicates that all historic additions were completed before wire nails became widely available in the rural South, (circa 1880) probably well before 1900 (Photos 21-29). The use of notched sill joints and square nails, likewise, indicate an early date of construction for the property's transverse type barn (Photos 30-35). Shiplap siding and an overhanging roof with knee braces over the entry door possibly indicate a later date (circa 1920) for the construction of the property's smokehouse (NAHRGIS 2006) (Photos 36 and 37). A fourth, collapsed structure is of an indeterminate age.

### **Background and Property History**

*Cobb County Settlement:* Prior to its settlement by Europeans, the area of northwest Georgia (all land north of the Chattahoochee River) was home to the Cherokee Indians. Prior to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the area and its vast floral and faunal resources, was shared by the Cherokees and the Creeks. The Cherokees were forced into this region as their native range was restricted by the westward expansion of the American colonies. The Cherokees and the Creeks fought the Battle of Taliwa in 1755, and after that time North Georgia was exclusively occupied by the Cherokees.

In 1831, before the removal of the Cherokees, the area of northwest Georgia north of the Chattahoochee River was designated by Georgia as Cherokee County. The vast area was surveyed and sectioned into lots; some lots were 160 square acres, such as in the project vicinity, and others were 40 square-acre "gold" lots. The 40 acre lots were a response to the 1829 discovery of gold in the Cherokee territory. Cobb County was created in 1832 and contained original survey districts 16, 17, 19, and 20. Drawings were held in 1832 for the 160 acre, and 40 acre lots. Land Lot 264, 20<sup>th</sup> District, Second Section, where the Terry-Ford house now stands, was originally drawn by James Russell of Peurifoy's District, Henry County, Georgia (Smith 1838), but no records were found to indicate when, or to whom, he may have sold the property.

*The Terry Family:* Cobb County's Bicentennial Project (Secrist 1975) indicated that Noah Terry (1814-1886) moved to Cobb County about 1845 and that he made his home in Land Lot 264, on the east side of Mars Hill Road at the intersection of Brown's Road, south of the project tract (Secrist 1975: #136). The 1850 U. S. Census listed Noah Terry (36) as a farmer, born in South Carolina, and a resident of the Oregon District of Cobb County, Georgia. His family then included his wife Martha Terry (36), and their children John H. (9), Alfred (7), Mary F. (6), Thomas F. (4), and Martha A. (1) (U. S. Census 1850). In 1860, the Terry family included a new member, W. N. (4), and was recorded in District 20, nearest the Acworth Post Office (U. S. Census 1860). By 1870 the family included Noah (60), Martha (60), Thomas (22), Mary (25), and Amanda (16) (U. S. Census 1870).

As of the 1880 U. S. Census, Thomas F. Terry (32) was listed as the head of his own household, living with his wife, Elizabeth (25), and their one-year old son, John. Both Thomas F. Terry (household #163) and his

father (household #167) were listed in a combined Oregon (GMD #1017) and Red Rock (GMD #1318) District. It is likely that the subject house was constructed by or for Thomas F. Terry shortly before the birth of his first child, about 1879.

The first deed recorded in the Cobb County's Clerk of Superior Court office regarding Land Lot 264 was dated April 5, 1886 (Cobb County Deed Book [CCDB] EE:767). The deed describes the sale of a portion of the east half of Land Lot 264 (69 3/4 acres) by Noah Terry to his son, Thomas F. Terry, for \$500. The deed was signed by Noah, Martha, Mary F., and Alfred Terry and was witnessed by neighbor T. J. Lumsford. Cobb County's Bicentennial Project (Secrist 1975) indicated that this transaction took place in the same year that Noah Terry passed away, and that the Croker family next occupied the old Noah Terry home place (Secrist 1975: #136).

The 1890 U. S. Census for Georgia is not available, but the 1900 census indicated that the Terry family had grown significantly. In 1900, Thomas F. Terry was listed as a 52-year old farmer. His family included wife Elizabeth (45), children John N. (21), Noah B. (15), William F. (14), Victoria (12), Thomas P. (7), Ader N. (4), Alonzo (19) and his new bride, Inez (20), and Thomas' sister, Mary F. (55) (U. S. Census 1900). Stages of expansion of the Terry-Ford house, and its unusual form, likely mirrors the growth of the Terry family that included these 11 members by 1900.

The 1910 U. S. Census recorded Thomas F. Terry as a 62 year-old farmer/employer in Red Rock, District 48, Cobb County, Georgia. His wife, Elizabeth (57), was listed as having eight children, all of whom were then living. In the Thomas Terry household in 1910 were children Pierce (16) and Ada (13), Thomas' sister Mary (65), and a boarder named Orlando Hadaway (30) (U. S. Census 1910). On January 7, 1910, Thomas F. Terry borrowed \$3,000 from neighbor Mary T. Holland (CCDB LL:629). As collateral for the loan, Terry put up two farms. Farm No.1 included the south half of Land Lot 231 (80 acres except one acre where a gin house stood west of Acworth-Dallas Road), the east half of Land Lot 264 (80 acres minus 3/4 acre on the west side), the southwest quarter of Land lot 232 (40 acres), and 60 acres in the northwest corner of Land Lot 263, a total of 260 acres "being the home place where Thomas F. Terry now resides." Farm No.2 included 140 total acres in Land Lots 223 and 224, north of the project tract. The \$3,000 debt was satisfied and deed LL:629 was cancelled on January 27, 1915. The loan from Mary Holland may have been used to start a mercantile or other business in the nearby town of Acworth because the 1920 census listed Thomas F. Terry (72), the owner of a farm, as a merchant/general, and he and his family (wife Elizabeth [65] and son William [34]) resided on Proctor Street in Acworth.

Thomas F. Terry died on March 23, 1921. Though he left no will, in August 1921 his estate was valued at \$7,500, and an inventory and appraisal (Cobb County Probate Court [CCPC], Will # 3362) of his holdings included:



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|---|------------|
| A judgement vs. J. M. Biddy on a note for 190 acres of land<br>(possibly including the project tract) | \$5,600.00 |
| House and lot in Acworth  | \$2,000.00 |
| A Chevrolet automobile  | \$ 200.00  |
| A one-half interest in \$400 worth of notes of Terry and Hadaway                                      | \$ 100.00  |
| Household and kitchen furniture   | \$ 100.00  |
| Undivided interest in Terry Telephone Company .   | \$ 50.00   |

On July 2, 1926, Mary T. Holland sold property with a similar physical description as property earlier designated Farm No. 1 (though reduced to only 190 acres), "including what is known as the Thomas F. Terry farm and home place", to R. DeT. Lawrence for \$2,000 (CCDB 75:89). Mary Tate, a member of the prominent Tate family from Pickens County, married Robert Norris Holland, a lawyer, state representative from Cobb County, and son of Dr. Hayne Holland of South Carolina, in Cobb County around 1890 (U. S. Census 1870, 1880, and 1910; Temple 1997). It is unknown how or when Mary T. Holland came to own the Thomas F. Terry farm in the Red Rock community, but the transaction was presumably associated with the aforementioned \$3,000 loan that Mrs. Holland made to Thomas F. Terry in 1910 (though the debt was satisfied by 1915).

Robert DeTreville Lawrence, a prominent and apparently long-time resident of Cobb County, was relied on heavily by Sarah B. G. Temple, who called him "Colonel", as she researched the county's early history for her book *The First Hundred Years: A Short History of Cobb County, Georgia* (originally published in 1935). Robert D. Lawrence died on April 15, 1932, only six years after the purchase of the Thomas F. Terry farm, and it is unlikely that he ever lived on the subject property. Returns were made on the Lawrence estate in the years 1934-1940, but February 1, 1935 rent on an unspecified property in Red Rock District (\$24.30) was the only mention of property possibly related to the Thomas F. Terry farm (CCPC, Will #5245).

*The Ford Family:* The 1910 U. S. Census recorded Benjamin J. Ford as a 20-year old resident of Villa Rica, Carroll County, Georgia. He was then married to Fannie Ford (19) for two years, and was listed as a merchant working in a general store on his own account (neither employer nor employee), but he rented the house in which he lived (U. S. Census 1910). By 1920, Benjamin J. Ford had moved to the Red Rock District of Cobb County, and the Ford's had a son, George (9) (U. S. Census 1920). No deed was located for his original purchase in Cobb County, but as of 1920 Benjamin J. Ford was still employed as a merchant, dealing in general merchandise, and he owned his home free of a mortgage. This and the fact that Thomas F. Terry was not identified as a merchant until he moved to Acworth, suggests that Benjamin J. Ford bought land located across the road from the Terry-Ford house, moved to the Red Rock community sometime before 1920, and that he soon established, or assumed the operation of, the historic country store recorded by the Cobb County Bicentennial Project (Secrist 1975: #135), Bessette (1978: CO-119), Roth (1988), and Jordan (1998).

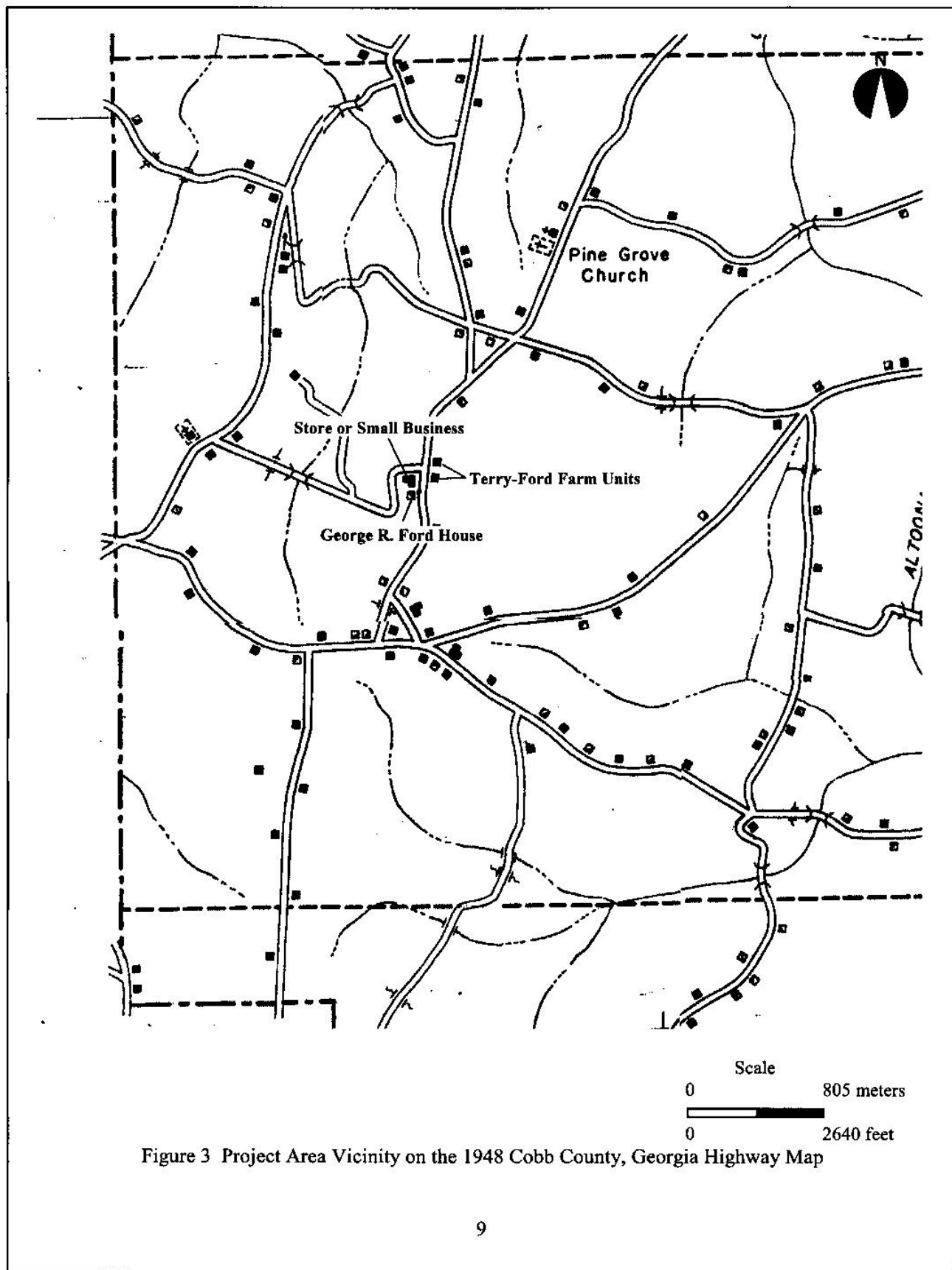
The old country store, formerly located directly across Mars Hill Road west of the Terry-Ford house, was not present at the time of this investigation. Benjamin J. Ford may also have built the New South cottage recorded as part of a larger complex by Ted Bessette in 1978. It is also possible that the house and/or the store were constructed prior to Ford's purchase of the property. The New South cottage was a popular house type during the period 1890-1920, and was popular among middle-upper income Georgians. The central square mass of this type resembles that of the Queen Anne cottage, but there was a strict emphasis on symmetry, the key element of which is the central hallway plan in the New South type. In this type, the central hallway is flanked by pairs of rooms, and at least one of which projects forward, and pairs of gables in the facade often add to the type's symmetry (GDNR 1991). This example, if not originally constructed by the Ford family, was occupied by them for as many as 60 years, and was part of a larger 20<sup>th</sup> century rural agricultural/commercial complex centered around the intersection of Mars Hill and Ford's Roads (Figure 3).

Benjamin J. Ford's immediate neighbors in 1920 (recorded on either side of the Ford residence) were the Thomas J. Croker (59) and James M. Biddy (37) families. Thomas J. Croker, like Benjamin J. Ford, also owned his home free of a mortgage, and he is believed to have owned the old Noah Terry farm, south of the project area (Secrist 1975: #136). James M. Biddy owned his home with a mortgage, and he is believed to be the J. M. Biddy whose \$5,600 note on 190 acres of land was recorded as part of the Thomas F. Terry estate in August 1921. However, it appears that by 1930 James M. Biddy defaulted on his mortgage and moved away from the Thomas F. Terry farm. The census for that year recorded Thomas J. Croker (69-year old owner), Bennie J. Ford (40-year old owner), and Floyd A. Guyton (30-year old renter) (U. S. Census 1930). Benjamin Ford's first wife, Fannie, was apparently deceased by 1930, but his son George R. Ford (19) and George's wife of one year, Effie (18), lived in the home. Both Benjamin and George were listed as merchants in 1930.

On August 29, 1934, Alexander A. Lawrence, "Colonel" Robert DeTreville Lawrence's grandson and the executor of his estate, sold the remaining 190 acres of "Farm No.1" to B. J. Ford for \$2,500 (CCDB 113:337). Benjamin J. Ford's purchase included the south half of Land Lot 231 (80 acres except one acre where a gin house stood west of the Acworth Road (sic.), the east half of Land lot 264 (except 3/4 acre square on the west side), the southwest quarter of Land Lot 232 (40 acres), and a 60-acre tract in the northwest corner of Land Lot 263. The entire parcel included 263 total acres; 64.5 acres were released to T. J. Croker and 5 acres released to Thomas F. Terry, leaving 190 acres including what was "known as the Thomas F. Terry farm and home place."

Benjamin J. Ford may have moved into the Terry-Ford house shortly after his 1934 purchase of the property. Under this scenario, he would have left the New South cottage to his son and daughter-in-law, and moved across the road to the Thomas F. Terry house. In Benjamin J. Ford's Last Will and Testament, dated January 20, 1960, it is stated that "I bequeath and devise to my [second] wife, Jessie Ford, my home place, on East side of Mars Hill Road, in Red Rock District, Cobb County Georgia, consisting of Seventy Five (75) Acres,





to be her's during her natural life, and at her death said Home Place shall go to George Ford (my son)." Benjamin J. Ford also gave all household goods, an automobile, a life insurance policy, and \$3,000 in savings to his wife; everything else he owned was to go to his son, George R. Ford. Benjamin J. Ford passed away on January 23, 1962 (CCPC, Will #9386). On May 25, 1962, a deed was recorded to "pass title to the devisee (George R. Ford)" six parcels of land in Cobb County, including the Terry-Ford house and its associated property in Land Lots 231, 232, 263, and 264 (CCDB 646:563). The date of Jessie Ford's death is unknown, but it is possible that she lived in the Terry-Ford house, across the road from her step-son and the family business, until that time.

The extent of George R. Ford's holdings at the time of his death are unknown. His Last Will and Testament, created on April 3, 1974, stated that everything he owned was to go to his wife, Effie Ford, and that their residence was located at 1173 Mars Hill Road (CCPC, Will #79-446), across the road from the Terry-Ford house (1172 Mars Hill Road). The couple apparently had no children. Over the succeeding years, and before her death around 1983, Ms. Effie Ford sold several parcels of the old Terry farm. One parcel was used for the construction of the George R. Ford Elementary School located on the west side of Mars Hill Road, roughly one-quarter of a mile north of Ford's Road. An on-line history for the school states that "George R. Ford's dedication to education and his community is the foundation upon which Ford Elementary was built." It further states that George Ford moved to Cobb County in 1920, his family operated a store on the corner of Mars Hill Road and Ford's Road, he attended a one-room school house, drove Cobb County's first school bus (at the age of 15), later worked as a fireman and for Lockheed, and served as director of Cobb EMC for more than seventeen years (Ford Elementary School 2007).

Among the last sales by Ms. Effie E. Ford, was that of the Terry-Ford house and 10 acres of land to Fred E. Orton and Linda G. Orton for "\$10 and other valuable consideration" on December 2, 1982 (CCDB 2636:296). Another deed indicated that the same property was used by the Ortons to secure a loan of \$30,000 with \$300 monthly payments to begin on December 10, 1982 (CCDB 2636:298). The latter deed was cancelled on May 5, 1983. Mr. Fred Orton (Personal Communication, July 24, 2007) indicated that his family extensively remodeled the house, and converted the west-front and south-side porches into living space.

*Conclusion:* The agricultural/commercial complex recorded by Ted Bessette in 1978 has largely passed into history. The old country store was razed sometime after the Jordan (1998) re-survey of CO-119, and the George R. Ford house (the New South cottage at 1173 Mars Hill Road) was razed in July 2007, during the process of this investigation. All that remains of the complex are the Terry-Ford house and associated outbuildings, and a tenant house located in dense undergrowth approximately 129 meters (m) south of the Terry-Ford house (Figure 4). Contemporary photographs of the tenant house are included in Appendix B.



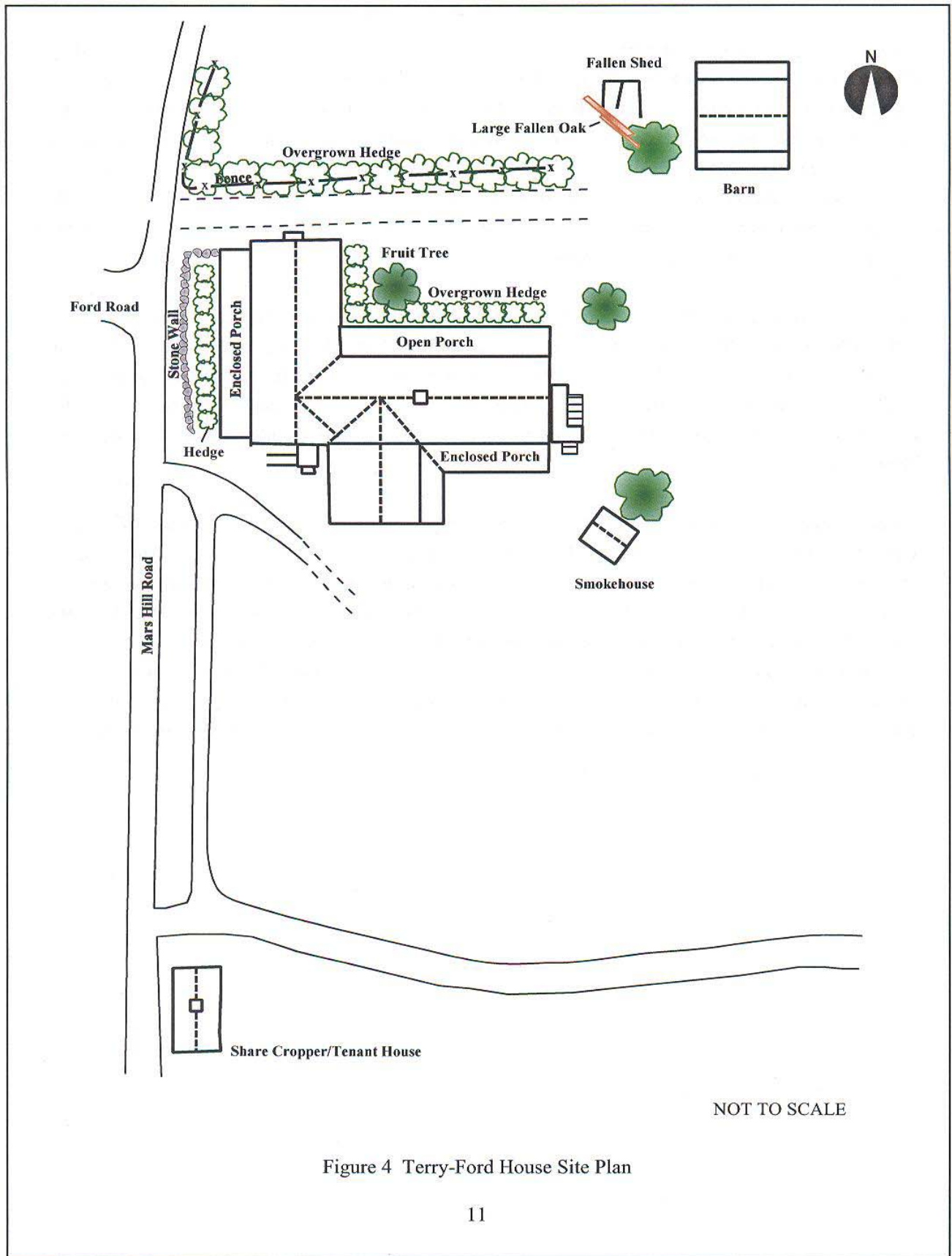


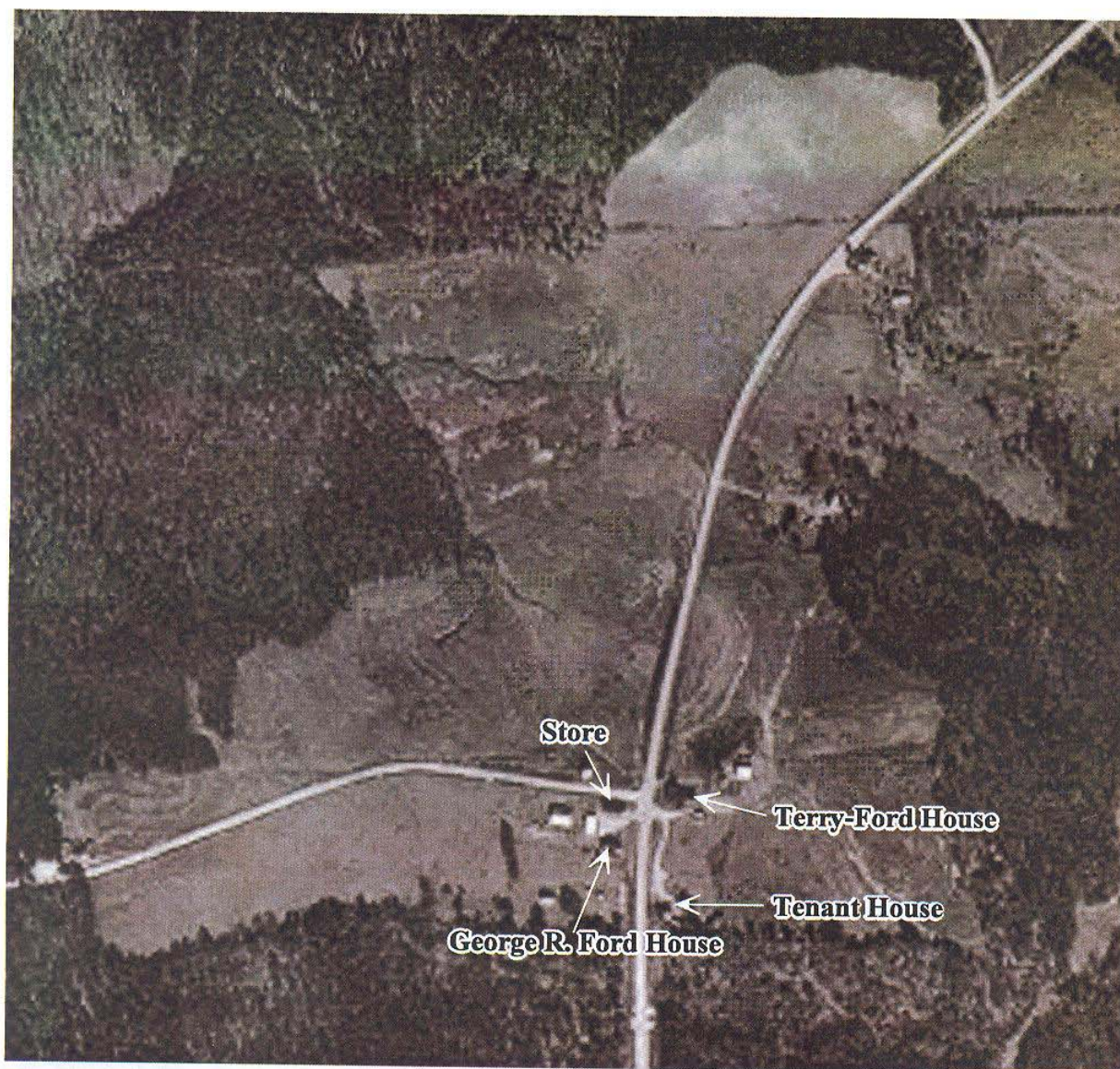
Figure 4 Terry-Ford House Site Plan

Cobb County was once part of a vast, unknown land occupied only by Indians. After the removal of the Cherokees in 1832 and before the Civil War (1861) it became part of the Noah Terry farm in the Red Rock Community of Cobb County, Georgia. Thomas F. Terry built a home on his father's land, and he farmed the surrounding land into his 60's before he moved to Acworth and become a merchant before 1920. Benjamin J. Ford moved to the Red Rock Community from Carroll County before 1920, and operated a country store there, possibly until his death in 1962. Benjamin Ford's son, George R. Ford, assumed control of the property, and may have continued to operate the store while he pursued other, non-agricultural occupations. Finally, the Orton family acquired the property and steered it into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The plowed area around the Terry-Ford house, shown in historic aerial photographs (Figures 5 and 6), reflects the historic extent of the property as it spilled into Land Lots 231, 232, and 263. The photographs also illustrate the rural/agricultural character of the historic complex, and the spatial relationship of the various structures on the historic property. Finally, the aerial photographs illustrate the transition of the project vicinity from extensive agricultural use before 1972 to increasingly suburban/residential use by 2007 (Figure 7).

When recorded by Ted Bessette in 1978, the Terry-Ford house was a good example of a late 19<sup>th</sup> century Central Hallway cottage that was expanded, if awkwardly, as the Terry family grew. It included 6/6 windows throughout its additions, a transom and side-lights around the west-front door, both end chimney, a decoratively arched front porch, and the house was uniformly sided with weatherboard siding. By 1996, most of these historic elements were missing from the house, and today the only remaining historic exterior material is located on the north-side porch (3 doors, 2 windows, and siding). Modern interior renovations also claimed most of the historic material in the original central hallway portion of the house, but several historic interior doors remain and the original ceilings and walls of the ell extensions are largely intact.

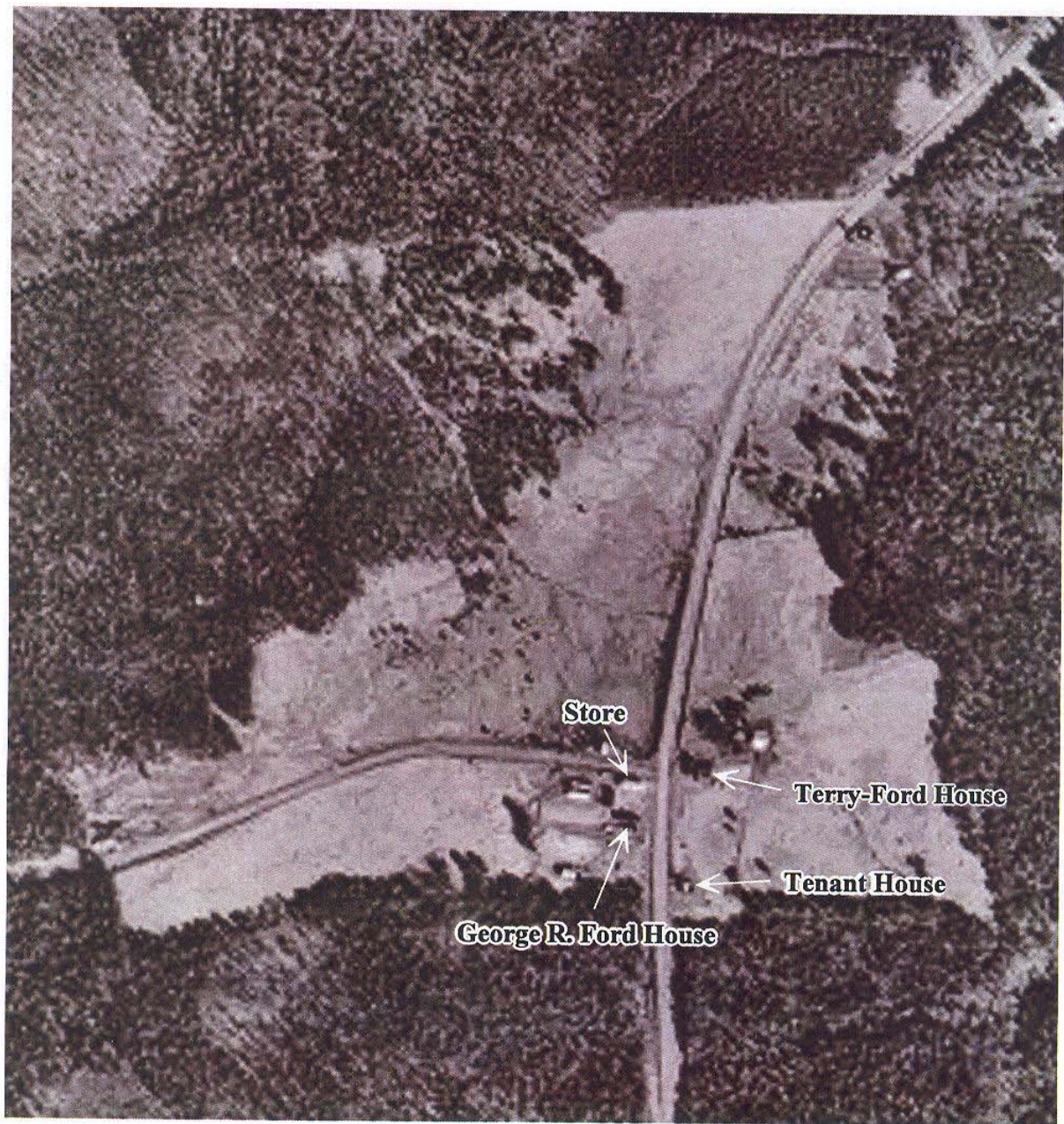




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Figure 5 1960 Aerial Photograph

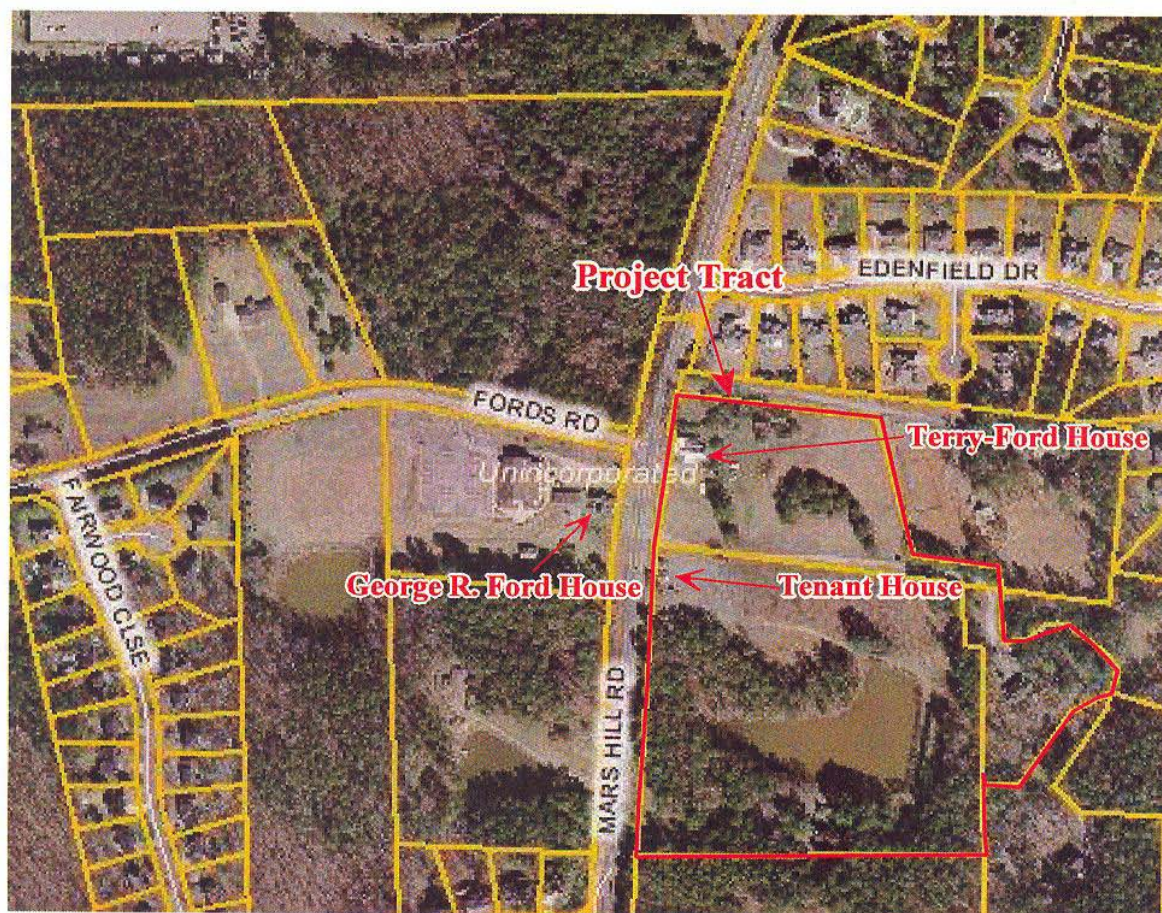




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Figure 6 1972 Aerial Photograph





Map Source: [www.cobbgis.org](http://www.cobbgis.org)

Figure 7 Cobb County GIS Aerial Photograph Showing Property Boundaries



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## **APPENDIX A**

**The Bicentennial Project: Historical Inventory of Marietta and Cobb County (Secrist 1975)**

1. State : Georgia  
County: Cobb LL 264, 264  
Town                      Vicinity  
Street No.

NW quadrant of the county in  
vicinity of Hadaway and Due West roads  
Original Owner  
Original Use  
Present Use  
Wall Construction

No. of Stories  
Open to Public

AND SEE INVENTORY

2. Name RED ROCK SETTLEMENT

Date or Period c. 1838  
Style  
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Builder

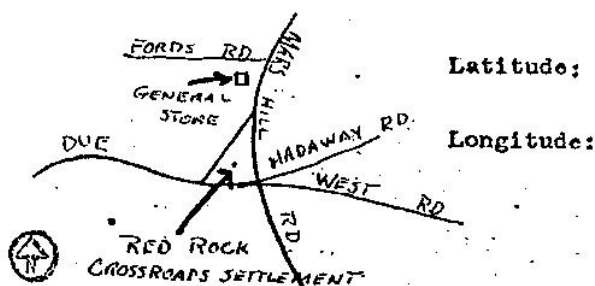
3. For Library                      of Congress Use

4. Notable Features, Historical Significance and Description

At the intersection of Due West, Hadaway, and M~~ars~~ Hill roads is one of Cobb County's early settlements, RED ROCK. In 1864, a school, a general store, and several frame buildings were clustered around this crossroads. The name "Red Rock" is said to originate from the color of many of the rocks in this area which have a reddish-rusty shade due to pyrite minerals abundant in this region.

RED ROCK SETTLEMENT is prominently marked on several of the Civil War maps of the 1864 Atlanta Campaign which passed through Cobb County.

5. Physical Condition of Structure



6. Location Map with Compass Coordinates

8. Published and Unpublished Sources





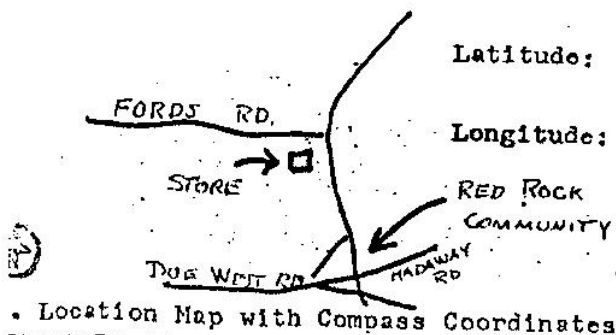
| HISTORIC COBB COUNTY BUILDINGS AND SITE INVENTORY   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. State : Georgia<br>County: Cobb 264<br>Town :<br>Street No. :<br>Vicinity : Mars Hill Rd. at Ford's Rd. intersection (Red Rock community)<br>Original Owner Thomas F. Terry<br>Original Use :<br>Present Use :<br>Wall Construction : Frame<br>No. of Stories : 1<br>Open to Public : No | 2. Name COUNTRY GENERAL STORE (TERRY)<br>Date or Period c.1900<br>Style :<br>Architect :<br>Builder : |
| 3. For Library of Congress Use  |   |

#### 4. Notable Features, Historical Significance and Description

One of the few remaining structures which were so much a part of rural Cobb County 50 years ago --- the GENERAL COUNTRY STORE. The general store at the Lost Mtn. crossroads is probably best known in the county, but Ford's General Store at the intersection of Ford's Rd. at Mars Hill Rd. is more typical of the small country store which served the local community by providing everything from mule harness to peppermint candy --- all of which could be "charged" on family credit or bartered for with fresh "laid" eggs, etc.. Most such buildings were of frame construction, as is TERRY'S GENERAL COUNTRY STORE.

Thomas F. Terry built this structure and operated the General Store for many years. Terry's home (c.1870) still stands directly across the street from the store. Thomas F. Terry (1847-1921), son of Noah and Martha Terry (See File # 136) was a prominent member of the Red Rock Community throughout his long lifetime.

#### 5. Physical Condition of Structure



Published and Unpublished Sources

1. State : Georgia  
County: Cobb LL 264  
Town Vicinity  
Street No.

AND SITE INVENTORY

2. Name TERRY-CROKER HOUSE

136

Date or Period c1850  
Style Farm house  
Architect  
Builder

Mars Hill Rd. at Browns Rd.  
Intersection

Original Owner Noah Terry

Original Use residence

Present Use residence/Mrs. Bertha

Wall Construction Croker

Frame

No. of Stories 1

Open to Public No

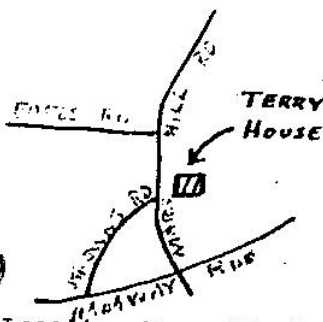
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4. Notable Features, Historical Significance and Description

It is believed that Noah Terry (1814-1886) came to Cobb County around 1845 and built this simple farm house shortly thereafter. It is probable that the Terry family did not refugee when war came to Cobb County in 1864, since the military maps of that year clearly indicate the correct location of the TERRY HOUSE (indicating the likelihood that the family was present to supply the correct information), and since it is known that the family was in the house in the late spring of 1865. The family remembers an incident to support this related by Elizabeth Terry, a daughter of Noah and Martha Terry. Grandmother Elizabeth told of an evening in late spring, 1865, when the family, virtually without food because of the destruction of the crops the summer before during the military operations in Cobb County, managed to catch a "possum" near the house, find some salt from the floor of the empty smokehouse, and cook the delicacy. As the family was preparing to eat the meal of "possum", a noise on the front porch announced the return of a soldier-son, Alfred Terry, who had walked all the way from Virginia following Lee's surrender at Appomattox in April, 1865. The grateful family celebrated the occasion by sitting down to their timely feast of "opposum".

The TERRY-CROKER HOUSE is of frame construction with an unusual "T" shaped design, the stem (wing) of the "T" extends from the center of the cap of the "T", southward. Since a large chimney of hand-made brick, stuccoed, is at the ends of the south and east extensions, these two wings of the "T" must be part of the original house. The portion of the cap of the "T" which extends west from the south wing (stem), the portion nearest Mars Hill Rd., is most probably a more recent addition to the original "L"-shaped farmhouse.

5. Physical Condition of Structure Satisfactory



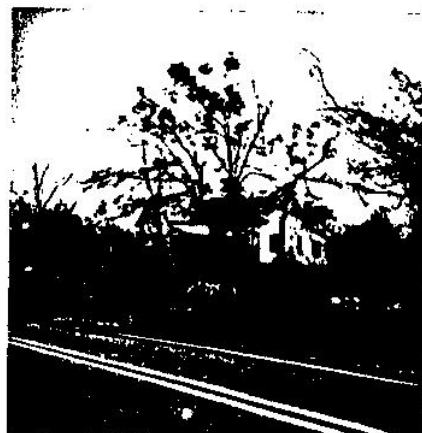
Latitude:

Longitude:

6. Location Map with Compass Coordinates

8. Published and Unpublished Sources

Interview: Fred D. Bentley, Sr. (1920)



## **APPENDIX B**

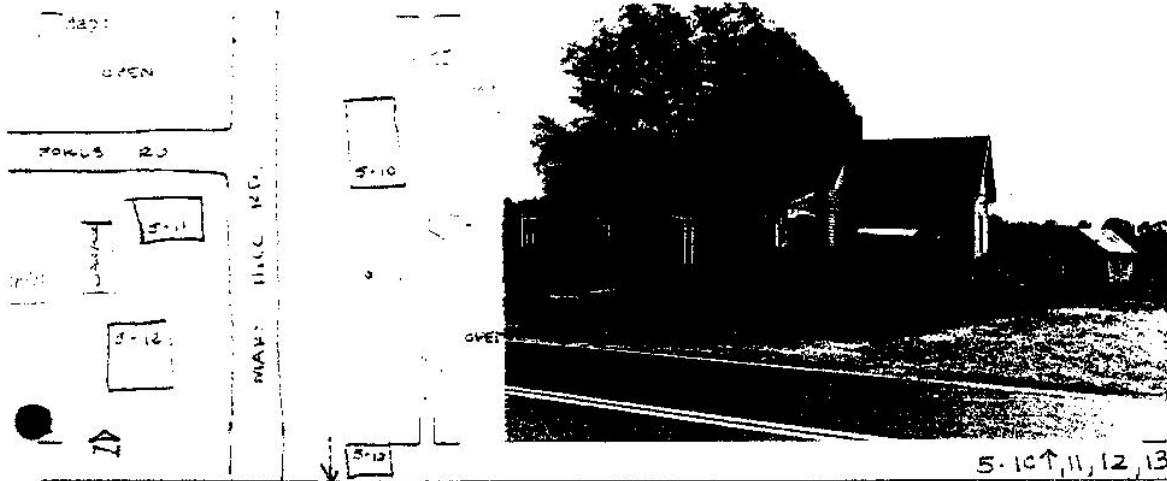
### **Georgia Historic Resource and Other Structure Forms**



STRUCTURAL SURVEY - HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION  
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Surveyor: Ted R. Reese, Jr. NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS: Contributor Date: 6-12-78 County: Cobb No. 119

IDENTIFICATION:  
Building Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town, City: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: Man Hill Rd.  
Use: Original Residences / Store Present: Residences



CONDITION: ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Structurally Unsound

ENDANGERED: ☐ Yes ☒ No  
HOW?: ☐ Encroaching Development ☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Residential  
☐ Deteriorated Neighborhood ☐ Highway Construction ☐ Demolition  
☐ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

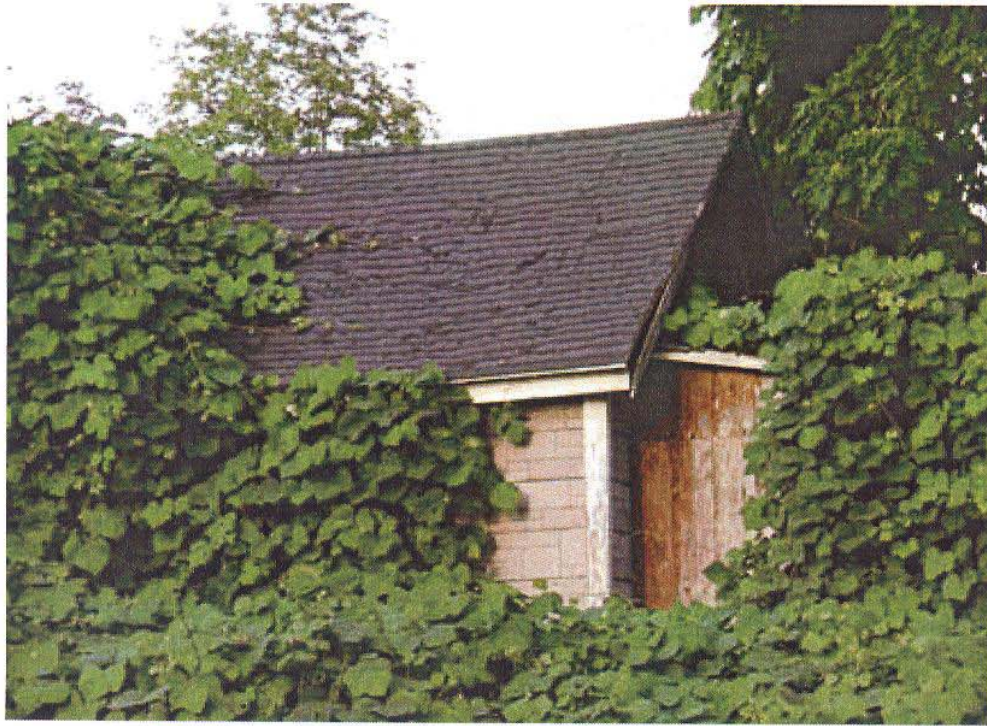
ALTERATIONS: ☐ Additions ☐ Structural Changes ☐ Moved ☐ Removal of Details or Parts  
Siding or facade material white weatherboard ☐ new ☒ original  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

ENVIRONMENT: ☒ Open Land ☒ Woodland ☒ Scattered Buildings ☐ Densely Built-up  
☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☒ Residential ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

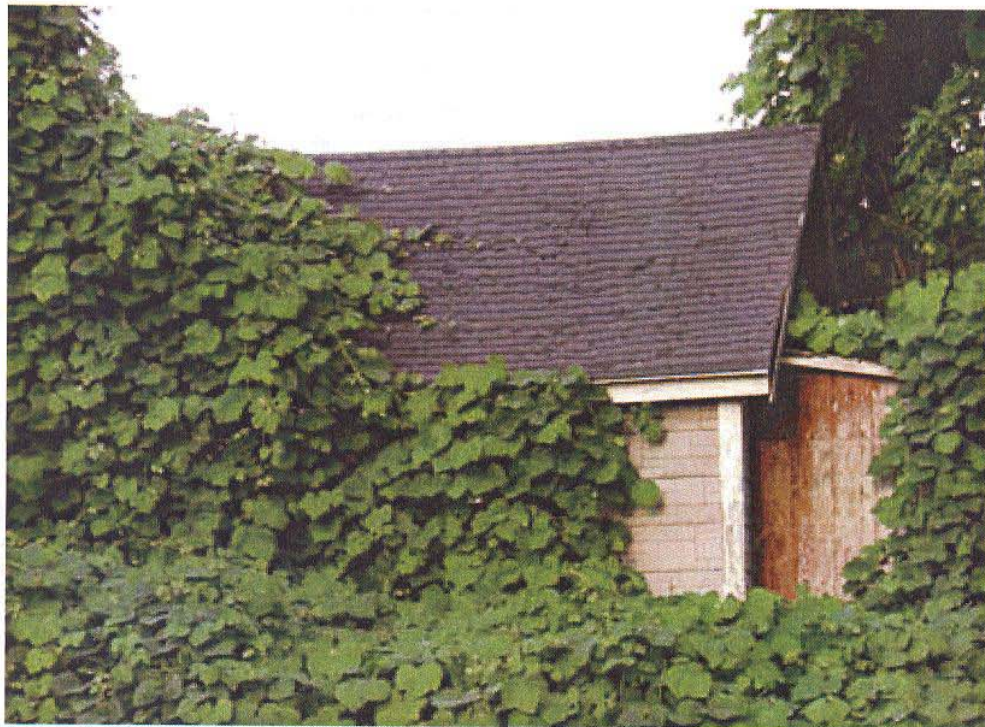
BUILDING DETAILS: 5-10 - 6/6 windows and transom and sidelights  
5-11 - 4/4 windows.  
5-12 - 4/4 windows.

CONSTRUCTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_





Terry-Ford House, tenant house, facing northeast



Terry-Ford House, tenant house, facing east





# GEORGIA HISTORIC RESOURCES

Historic Preservation Division  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

57 Forsyth Street, Suite 500  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
404/656-2840

Resource No. CO-119  
County Cobb

For instructions, see the Georgia Historic Resources Survey Manual

1 Name(s) of resource

3 Address/location

1173 Mars Hill Rd

4 Owner's name and mailing address

5 ☒ Building

☐ Site

☐ Landscape feature

☐ Structure

☐ Object

6 ☐ Representative example of building type

Number represented

7 Use, current *general store*

original *Vacant/Not in Use*

8 Date of construction (or estimate)

*CA. 1880*

9 Major changes & date (explain in No.25)

☐ Altered

☐ Moved

☒ Addition

☐ Destroyed

10 Architect/engineer/designer

*Unknown*

11 Contractor/builder/craftsman

*Unknown*

12 Style

*No Academic Style*

13 Building type

*Commercial*

14 Original Floor Plan

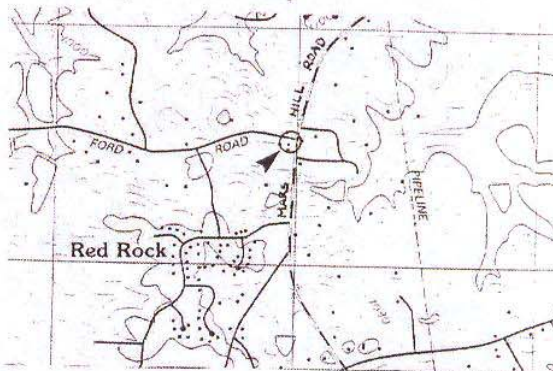
15 Plan shape

*rectangular*

25 Additional physical description

*Addition - Ca. 1920 - Porch addition*

2 Location map with North at top



16 Number of stories

*One*

17 Facade symmetry & front door(s)

*symmetrical, one door*

18 Roof type & material

*front-oriented gable - composition shingle/asphalt shingle*

19 Chimney placement & material

*off-center, ridgeline - brick*

20 Type of construction

*balloon frame/platform frame*

21 Exterior material(s)

*weatherboard/clapboard/beveled siding*

22 Foundation material(s)

*brick pier*

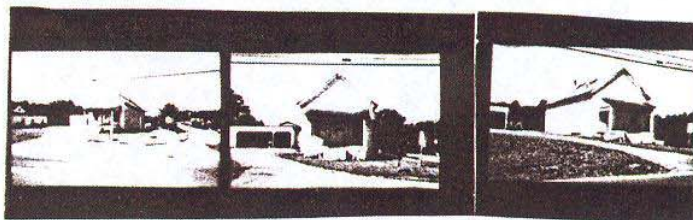
23 Porch(es)

*verandah (front, 1 story, full, wood, hip)*

24 Windows

*double-hung sash (flat-headed, 4/4, rectangular)*

26 Negatives: roll # *3* frames # *16-18*



27 Description of outbuildings (if any)

28 Site plan with North at top



29 Description of landscape features

30 Number of buildings 0 structures 0  
 outbuildings 0 sites 0  
 landscape features 0

31 Description of the environment  
 suburban - residential (mixed old and new)

32 Archaeological potential

33 History

34 Historical theme(s)

THEMES: architecture

35 Significance

36 Sources of information

37 Prepared by (person, organization and address)

Ted Bessette

38 Date of survey 1978 resurvey 1996

39 Government preservation activity

☐ Section 106 review ☐ Grant  
☐ Tax certification ☐ Other

40 SHPO evaluation

41 USGS quadrangle name Lost Mountain Ga 1992

UTM reference

16 710360 3762520  
 zone easting northing

42 Tax map number

43 Recognition and date

☐ National Landmark  
☐ National Register  
☐ Georgia Register  
☐ Local designation  
☐ HABS/HAER  
☐ Determination of eligibility  
☐ Other



**Georgia Historic Resources**  
**Historic Preservation Division,**  
**Georgia Department of Natural Resources.**

| <b>Resource ID</b>                                | 204713   |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
|---|--|------|-------------|------|-----------------|--|------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------|--|
| <b>County</b>                                     | Cobb   |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 1. Resource Name</b>                      | central hallway cottage  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 3. Resource Address/Location</b>          | 1172 Mars Hill Road<br>Red Rock Community  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 4. Owner's Name and Address</b>           |  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 5. Classification</b>                     | Building   |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 7. Current Use</b>                        | Vacant/not in use  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 7. Original Use</b>                       | Domestic/residential-Single dwelling   |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 8. Date of Construction (or estimate)</b> | c1880  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 9. Major Changes</b>                      | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Description</th> <th>Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Altered:</b></td> <td>Extensively remodeled: plywood added over original clapboard exterior; original windows replaced with existing; faux-stone veneer added over foundation; front and rear porch enclosed; one of two gable end chimneys removed (replaced with new doorway).</td> <td>1990</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Additions:</b></td> <td><b>Description Date</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Moved:</b></td> <td><b>Description Date</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Destroyed:</b></td> <td><b>Description: Date:</b></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> |      | Description | Date | <b>Altered:</b> | Extensively remodeled: plywood added over original clapboard exterior; original windows replaced with existing; faux-stone veneer added over foundation; front and rear porch enclosed; one of two gable end chimneys removed (replaced with new doorway). | 1990 | <b>Additions:</b> | <b>Description Date</b> |  | <b>Moved:</b> | <b>Description Date</b> |  | <b>Destroyed:</b> | <b>Description: Date:</b> |  |
|   | Description  | Date |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
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| <b>Additions:</b>                                 | <b>Description Date</b>  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Moved:</b>                                     | <b>Description Date</b>  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Destroyed:</b>                                 | <b>Description: Date:</b>  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 10. Architect/engineer/designer</b>       | Unknown  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 11. Contractor/builder/craftsman</b>      | Unknown  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 12. Style</b>                             | No academic style  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 13. Building Type</b>                     |  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 14. Original Floor Plan</b>               |  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 15. Plan Shape</b>                        | Rectangular  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 16. Number Of Stories</b>                 | One  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 17. Facade Symmetry</b>                   | Symmetric  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 17. Front Door(s)</b>                     | One door   |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 18. Roof Type</b>                         | Gable-Side-oriented  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |
| <b>Item 18. Roof Material</b>                     | Composition shingle/asphalt shingle  |      |             |      |                 |  |      |                   |                         |  |               |                         |  |                   |                           |  |



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|--|--|
| <b>Item 19. Chimney placement and Material</b>       | Gable-end, exterior [Brick]<br>Off-center, ridgeline [Stuccoed masonry]  |
| <b>Item 20. Type Of Construction</b>                 | Balloon frame/platform frame   |
| <b>Item 21. Exterior material(s)</b>                 | Synthetics-Plywood/particle board  |
| <b>Item 22. Foundation material(s)</b>               |  |
| <b>Item 23. Porches</b>                              |  |
| <b>Item 24. Windows</b>                              | Double-hung sash [Flat-headed] [1/1] [Rectangular]   |
| <b>Item 25. Additional physical description</b>      | Heavily altered - general form and two of three chimneys remain. Features a long partial width gable ell off rear and partial width gable wing off side. 1978 Besette survey indicates that the building originally featured transom and side lights and 6/6 windows. Poor integrity. Field #408 |
| <b>Item 26. Pictures</b>                             | 204713_1.JPG (88k)<br>204713_2.JPG (70k)<br>smokehouse_204713_3.JPG (95k)<br>barn&smokehouse_204713_4.JPG (109k)   |
| <b>Item 27. Description of outbuildings (if any)</b> | Smokehouse [Frame, front gable smokehouse with shiplap siding and cantilevered roof over entry door - 1920s. ]<br>Barn-Livestock [Frame, front gable transverse barn with clapboard siding - 1900s. Probably multi-purpose (animal shelter, wagon and hay storage, etc). ]                       |
| <b>Item 29. Description of Landscape Features</b>    | Yard setting-Casual/unplanned  |
| <b>Item 30. Count</b>                                | Number of Buildings: 1<br>Number of Structures: 0<br>Number of Outbuildings: 2<br>Number of Sites: 0<br>Number of Landscape features: 0  |
| <b>Item 31. Description of the environment</b>       | Rural-Non-agricultural [Mixed old and new]<br>Suburban-Residential [Mixed old and new]   |
| <b>Item 32. Archeological Potential</b>              |  |
| <b>Item 33. History</b>                              |  |
| <b>Item 34. Historical theme(s)</b>                  | Architecture   |
| <b>Item 34. Distinctive aspects of GA's history</b>  |  |
| <b>Item 35. Significance</b>                         |  |
| <b>Item 36. Sources of Information</b>               |  |

Robert A. Clucevich  
Quatrefoil Consulting

22 W. Bryan Street #139

Item 37. Prepared By

Savannah GA 31401

Item 38. Date Of Survey

| Survey      | Resurvey |
|-------------|----------|
| 2005 - 2006 |          |

Item 39. Government  
preservation activityItem 40. National Register  
Eligibility

Appears not to meet Nat. Reg. criteria

Item 41. USGS quadrangle  
name

Lost Mountain

Item 41. UTM Reference and  
XY Coordinates

| Zone             | Easting         | Northing |
|------------------|-----------------|----------|
| 18               | 711003          | 3762727  |
| X Coordinate     | Y Coordinate    |          |
| -84.715790939522 | 33.985692114065 |          |

Item 42. Tax map number

Item 43. Recognition and Date

Recognition Date

Item 43. State Agency

Item 43. Condition

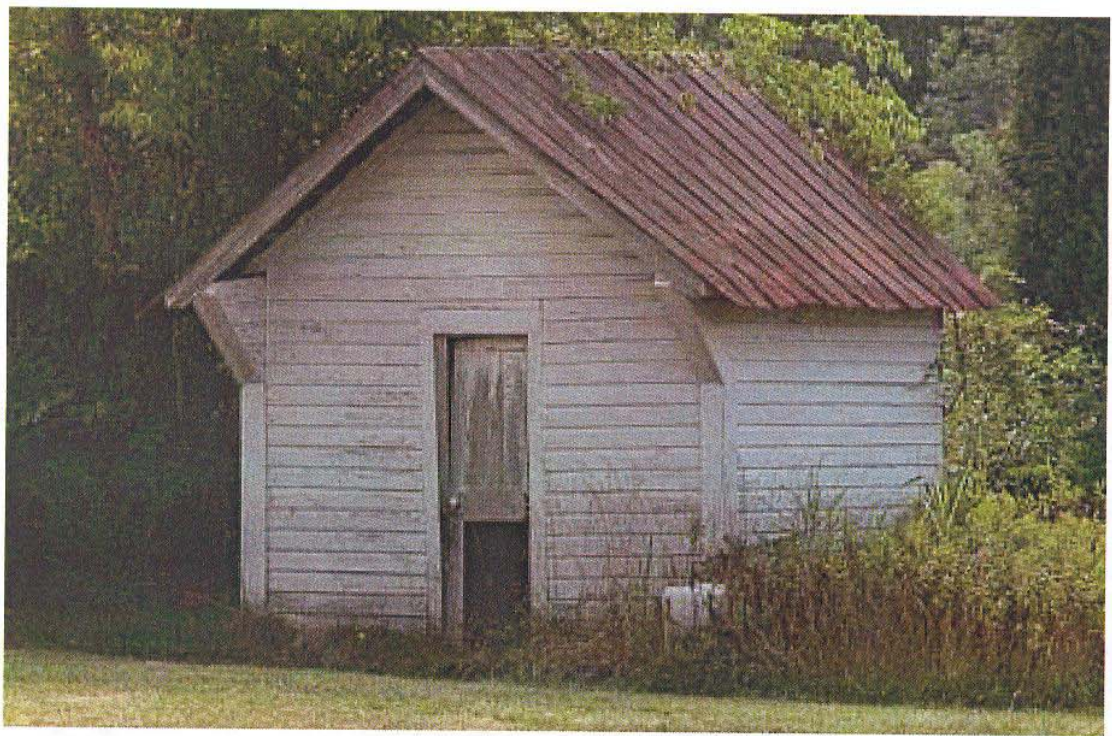
Condition Due To Threatened By

|      |                    |
|------|--------------------|
| Fair | Change in land use |
|------|--------------------|

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|   |   |   |              |
|---|---|---|--------------|
| <b>Resource ID</b>                                | 204712  |   |              |
| <b>County</b>                                     | Cobb  |   |              |
| <b>Item 1. Resource Name</b>                      | gable wing cottage                                |   |              |
| <b>Item 3. Resource Address/Location</b>          | Mar Hill Road at Fords Road<br>Red Rock Community |   |              |
| <b>Item 4. Owner's Name and Address</b>           |   |   |              |
| <b>Item 6. Classification</b>                     | Building  |   |              |
| <b>Item 7. Current Use</b>                        | Vacant/not in use                                 |   |              |
| <b>Item 7. Original Use</b>                       | Domestic/residential-Single dwelling              |   |              |
| <b>Item 8. Date of Construction (or estimate)</b> | c1910   |   |              |
| <b>Item 9. Major Changes</b>                      | <b>Altered:</b>                                   | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Date</b>  |
|   |   | Shed verandah enclosed to create sunroom - features clapboard and banks of aluminum awning windows. | 1960         |
|   | <b>Additions:</b>                                 | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Date</b>  |
|   | <b>Moved:</b>                                     | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Date</b>  |
| <b>Item 10. Architect/engineer/designer</b>       | <b>Destroyed:</b>                                 | <b>Description:</b>   | <b>Date:</b> |
|   |   |   |              |
|   |   |   |              |
|   |   |   |              |
| <b>Item 11. Contractor/builder/craftsman</b>      | Unknown   |   |              |
| <b>Item 12. Style</b>                             | Folk Victorian                                    |   |              |
| <b>Item 13. Building Type</b>                     | House types-New South cottage                     |   |              |
| <b>Item 14. Original Floor Plan</b>               | Central hallway (passage) [More than two rooms]   |   |              |
| <b>Item 15. Plan Shape</b>                        | Square  |   |              |
| <b>Item 16. Number Of Stories</b>                 | One   |   |              |
| <b>Item 17. Facade Symmetry</b>                   | Asymmetric  |   |              |
| <b>Item 17. Front Door(s)</b>                     | One door  |   |              |
| <b>Item 18. Roof Type</b>                         | Hip   |   |              |
| <b>Item 18. Roof Material</b>                     | Composition shingle/asphalt shingle               |   |              |
| <b>Item 19. Chimney placement and</b>             |   |   |              |

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Material</b>                                      | Off-center, ridgetline-Off-center, ridgetline (one) [Stuccoed masonry]   |
| <b>Item 20. Type Of Construction</b>                 | Balloon frame/platform frame   |
| <b>Item 21. Exterior material(s)</b>                 | Synthetics-Vinyl siding/aluminum siding  |
| <b>Item 22. Foundation material(s)</b>               | Brick  |
| <b>Item 23. Porches</b>                              | Sun porch [Front] [1 story] [Full] [Wood] [Shed/pent]  |
| <b>Item 24. Windows</b>                              | Double-hung sash [Flat-headed] [4/4] [Rectangular]   |
| <b>Item 25. Additional physical description</b>      | T-shaped, hip roof, gable wing cottage with non-projecting gables in facade and side. Boxed eaves and 4/4 windows. Good integrity. Field #407                              |
| <b>Item 26. Pictures</b>                             | 204712_1.JPG (82k)<br>204712_2.JPG (79k)<br>204712_3.JPG (76k)<br>tractor-haybarn_204712_4.JPG (110k)  |
| <b>Item 27. Description of outbuildings (if any)</b> | Barn-Machinery/wagon [Frame, front gable, one crib tractor/wagon barn with asphalt shingle exterior and hay loft door in upper gable - c1930s.]                            |
| <b>Item 29. Description of Landscape Features</b>    | Yard setting-Casual/unplanned  |
| <b>Item 30. Count</b>                                | <b>Number of Buildings:</b> 1<br><b>Number of Structures:</b> 0<br><b>Number of Outbuildings:</b> 1<br><b>Number of Sites:</b> 0<br><b>Number of Landscape features:</b> 0 |
| <b>Item 31. Description of the environment</b>       | Rural-Non-agricultural [Mixed old and new]<br>Rural-Dispersed community [Mixed old and new]<br>Suburban-Residential [Mixed old and new]                                    |
| <b>Item 32. Archeological Potential</b>              |  |
| <b>Item 33. History</b>                              |  |
| <b>Item 34. Historical theme(s)</b>                  | Architecture   |
| <b>Item 34. Distinctive aspects of GA's history</b>  |  |
| <b>Item 35. Significance</b>                         |  |
| <b>Item 36. Sources of Information</b>               | Robert A. Ciucevich<br>Quatrefoil Consulting<br>22 W. Bryan Street #139  |
| <b>Item 37. Prepared By</b>                          | Savannah GA 31401  |

|  |   |                             |                 |
|--|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Item 38. Date Of Survey</b>                   | <u>Survey</u>                                       | <u>Resurvey</u>             |                 |
|  | 2005 - 2006   |                             |                 |
| <b>Item 39. Government preservation activity</b> |   |                             |                 |
| <b>Item 40. National Register Eligibility</b>    | Appears not to meet Nat. Reg. criteria -- integrity |                             |                 |
| <b>Item 41. USGS quadrangle name</b>             | Lost Mountain                                       |                             |                 |
| <b>Item 41. UTM Reference and XY Coordinates</b> | <u>Zone</u>   | <u>Easting</u>              | <u>Northing</u> |
|  | 16  | 710987                      | 3762686         |
|  | <u>X Coordinate</u>                                 | <u>Y Coordinate</u>         |                 |
|  | -84.715973915175                                    | 33.98532583639              |                 |
| <b>Item 42. Tax map number</b>                   |   |                             |                 |
| <b>Item 43. Recognition and Date</b>             | <u>Recognition Date</u>                             |                             |                 |
| <b>Item 43. State Agency</b>                     |   |                             |                 |
| <b>Item 43. Condition</b>                        | <u>Condition</u>                                    | <u>Due To Threatened By</u> |                 |
|  | Fair  |                             |                 |

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### **Photographic Documentation**

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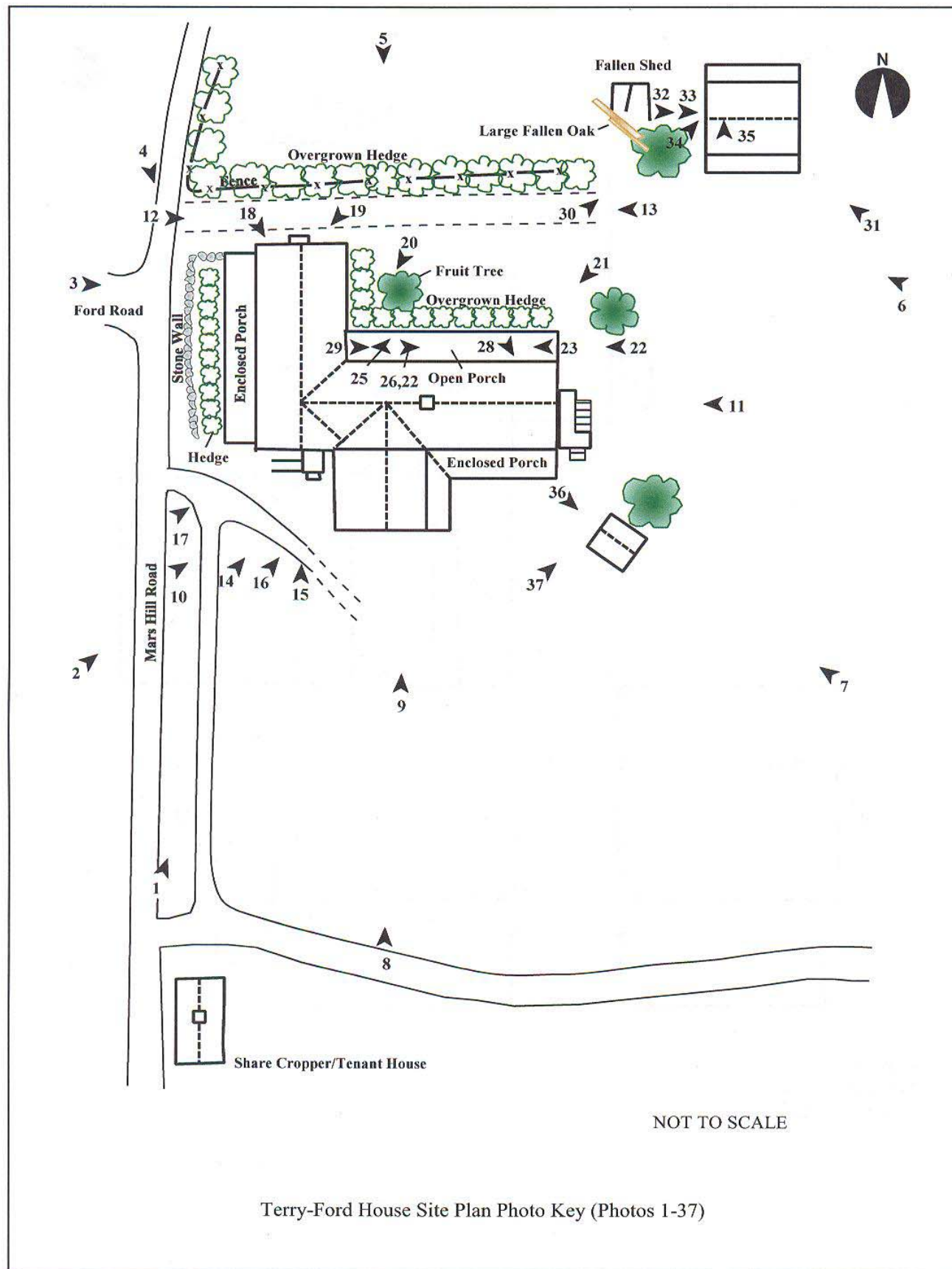
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**1172 Mars Hill Road**  
**Red Rock Community**  
**Cobb County, Georgia**

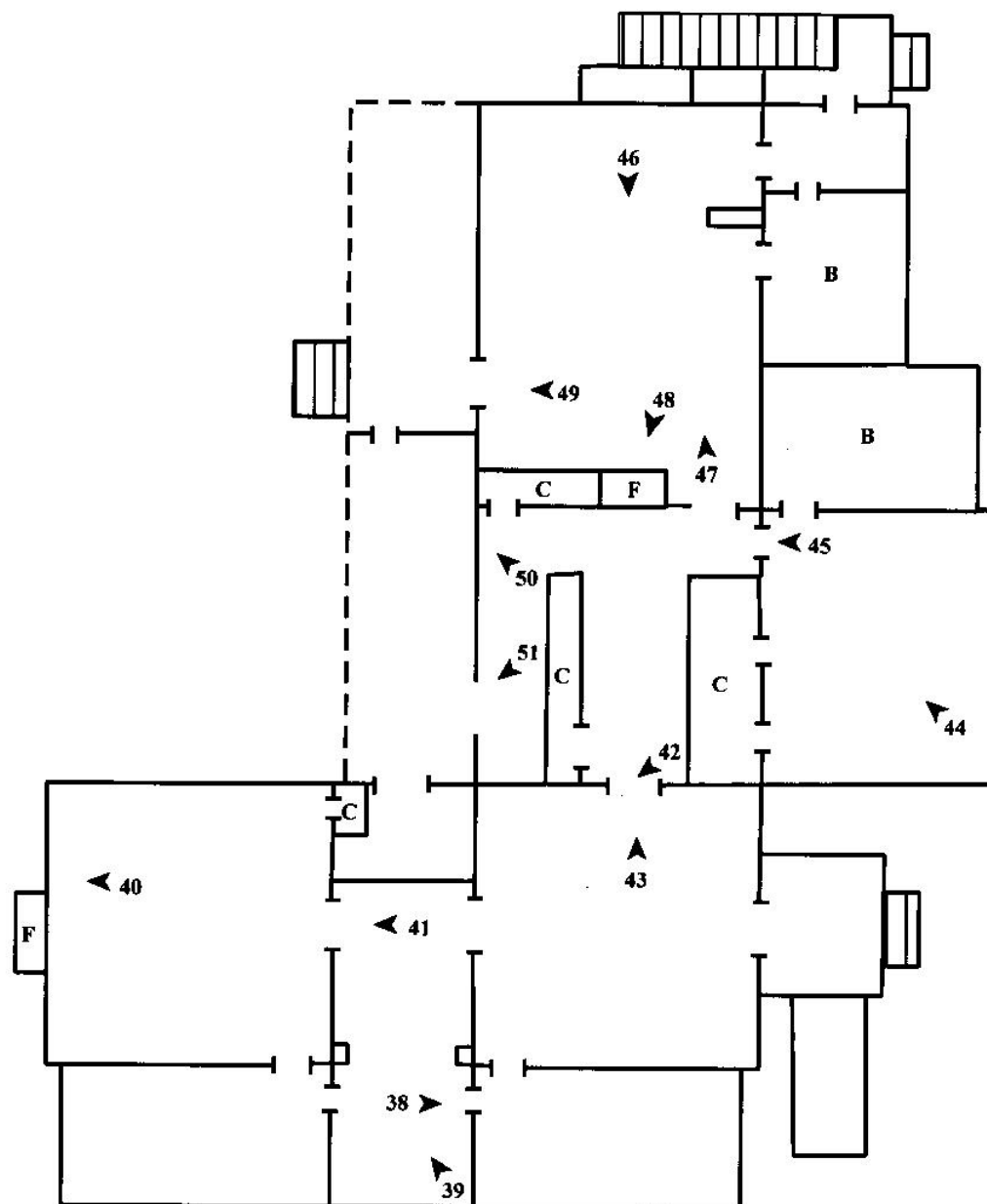
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F - Fireplace/Chimney

NOT TO SCALE

Terry-Ford House Present Floor Plan and Photo Key

































